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BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES

THE POWER OF A WOMAN.

Matthew 14:1-12—May 22.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."—Proverbs 16:32.

JOHN THE BAPTIST, because of his boldness and courage as a servant and mouth-piece of God, was a thorn in the side of King Herod and his courtiers and the great of that day. Herod and the High Priests and the more prominent people considered John the Baptist and Jesus fanatics. Doubtless they would have made away with them quickly had it not been for their fears of the people. The common people heard the Master gladly and declared that "never man spake like this man;" the same common people believed John to be a prophet.

We will not undertake to say whether John exceeded his commission or not when he reproved the King and Queen. As a rule, however, we believe it to be the wiser plan for Christian ministers to speak forth the Word of God fearlessly and plainly, without attempting personal application—allowing each hearer to apply the message to his own heart. Herodias fortunately represents an uncommon class of women. She was governed by boundless ambition. She married the man who, for a time, seemed in line for promotion to a kingly position. But when the title was given by the Roman Emperor to his brother, Herod Antipas, she inveigled the latter by her charms and, deserting her husband, became Herodias the "Queen." John the Baptist, while fearlessly denouncing sin, felt led to make a personal application of his teachings to King Herod.

Some have assumed that Herod had requested John the Baptist to visit the palace and give a talk on the reforms he advocated, and that, in this connection, the prophet pointed out the wrong of the King's conduct, saying that it was not in harmony with the Divine Law that he was living with his brother Philip's wife. Herodias heard of this and realized that if the King accepted such counsel it would mean that herself and her beautiful daughter, Salome, would become outcasts from the palace and be without a home, as it would be impossible for her to return to her husband, Philip. The power of Herodias over the King led to John's imprisonment. Her next move was to effect his death, for she realized her position insecure so long as he lived. John's fearless speech might yet influence the King.

This ambitious, wicked, artful woman plotted murder, and the King's birthday celebration was her opportunity. She forwarded the arrangements for a great banquet, at which were present the nobles and princes of the land. Wine was in plentiful supply. She well knew that the wine would inflame the passions and relax the moral tone of the company. So she had her beautiful daughter, Salome, specially prepared and attired, and instructed her to perform one of the obscene dances common to the east on such occasions, but not commonly indulged in except by the lower classes, and never by princesses. The occasion was to be a rare one. It was intended to influence the King exactly as it did to admiration and a boastful offer to the girl of any gift she would ask. The plan succeeded to the letter. The King's words were, "Ask of me a gift, even to the half of my Kingdom"—possibly a suggestion of his willingness to make her his true Queen.

Following her mother's instructions, Salome reported the matter at once, inquiring of the mother what gifts she should request. We can better imagine than describe the surprise of the girl when told by the mother to request "the head of John the Baptist on a platter." We may conceive what a disappointment this would mean; what visions of the beautiful and precious things it would destroy!—with what surprise Salome must have asked as to why this gruesome gift should be given. We can imagine the mother tissing her that the death of John the Baptist was the most necessary thing in the world for them both—that without it any day might see them hurled from conditions of affluence into the abyss of degradation and poverty. We can imagine her saying, "This, Salome, is the priceless gift which you must ask from the King." And the power of the woman over both the King and the daughter was wonderfully exemplified in the result. Salome went gaily again amongst the company of nobles whom she had charmed, and in a loud voice accepted the King's offer of whatever she would choose, even to the half of his Kingdom and stated that accordingly, the gift should be the head of the Prophet on a platter.

The King's conscience was not quite dead. He was grieved; but his pride as well as his subservience to Herodias controlled him. He reasoned that for a King to give his word of honor in the hearing of nobles and princes and then to repudiate it, would be to him a lasting shame. Ah, what an illustration of how "the fear of man bringeth a snare!" What a lesson we read in this—that a man's first responsibility is to his God and to his conscience, whatever the cost. Tradition has it that Herod was haunted with fear the remainder of his days. It is in line with this that when he heard of Jesus and his mighty works, he expressed the conviction that somehow, the spirit or power of John had passed to Jesus.

Our lesson brings before us two strong and two weak characters. John and Herodias were strong characters, the one for the right and for God, the other for selfish ambition and sinful indulgence of it. The one swayed his nation for their good and prepared the worthy remnant to receive Messiah's message. The other swayed the King and her daughter to infamy, murder and disgrace, and terribly blackened her own character. John's reward lies in the future, when he, as a member of the Ancient-Worthy class, will come forth to a "better resurrection"—to be associated with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the earthly phase of the Millennium Kingdom.

Herodias, surely continuously unhappy, finally persuaded the King to a course which led to his banishment, in which she shared. Her future, according to the Bible, will be a resurrection to shame and lasting contempt. (Daniel 12:2.) Inasmuch as she degraded herself and missed grand opportunities, we may assuredly know that she will come forth in the Millennium greatly handicapped by her improper course in the present life. It may take centuries, even under the favorable conditions of Christ's Kingdom, for such a deeply-dyed character to purge itself of the shame and the lasting contempt and to rise gradually to true nobility and human perfection, or, failing so to do, to die the Second Death.

Farmers' Associations.
All over Europe farmers' associations exist for the handling of farm products commercially.

To Fight White Slave Traffic.
Mobile, Ala.—Members of the B'Nai Brith in the states of Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Florida and Alabama have pledged themselves to fight the white slave traffic. The grand lodge in session here appropriated \$5,000 to start the fight.

Six Bodies Recovered From Mine.
Amsterdam, Ohio.—The remains of six miners have been recovered from the Amsterdam mine of the Young-Johnson and Ohio Coal Company, where eighteen men were entrapped by an explosion of gas, followed by fire. The other twelve have not been recovered.

Sen. Daniel Will Return Home.
Daytona, Fla.—The improvement in the condition of United States Senator Daniel is so pronounced at present that he will leave here for Lynchburg, Va., on Saturday morning. Senator Daniel will travel in a private car accompanied by a physician and a nurse.

Gold Found in Louisiana.
Merriville, La.—Reports of discoveries of gold in this section of Louisiana have caused great excitement and a company has been formed with the purpose of looking into the finds and ascertaining the extent of the deposits with a view to development, if feasible.

FORTY NUNS KILLED.

Buried Under Avalanche Which Destroys Convent Near Barcelona, Madrid.—Two score nuns were buried and many are believed to have been killed when a landslide destroyed the convent of San Pablo, near Manresa, 30 miles from Barcelona.

Nine nuns have been rescued alive and as many dead have been dug out.

CRAZED BY FEAR.

Approach of Halley's Comet Caused Woman to Commit Suicide.
Louisville, Ky.—Crazed by fear of the approach of Halley's comet and believing the end of the world was at hand, Mrs. Florence Shankland, 30 years old, committed suicide by shooting.

Patents For Georgians.

Washington, D. C.—Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant of the following patents to Georgians: A. Averno and J. L. Darby, Vidalia, nut-lock; Peter A. Edleman, Ingleside, vehicle hub; Jas. P. Field, Atlanta, plow reversing mechanism; Cornelius C. Hardin, Lafayette, insulator; William S. Hiett, Rockmart, shingle machine; John D. Twigg, Jr., Augusta, valve.

Would Know Later.

Patient—Now, doctor, what's the matter with me, anyway?
The Head Consulting Physician—My dear sir, do you suppose that if we knew what was the matter with you we would have decided to hold a post-mortem?

OUTRAGEOUS CRIME

Negro Highwaymen Kill Motorist, Wound Conductor.

LARGE REWARD IS OFFERED

In Lonely Section of Suburbs of Atlanta Motorist and Conductor of Trolley Line Attacked by Negro Highwayman.

Atlanta.—One of the boldest and most outrageous crimes in the history of Atlanta was perpetrated Saturday night when three negro highwaymen surrounded a Ponce de Leon avenue street car at the end of the line in Druid Hills park, 5 miles from the heart of the city, shot and killed Motorist S. Thomas Brown, fatally shot Conductor W. H. Bryson, and escaped after robbing them of their money, about fifty dollars in cash and two watches.

The bodies of the dead motorist and dying conductor, both of whom were alone with their car at the time of the shooting, were discovered 20 minutes after the crime by the crew on the next car out.

The robbery was one of the boldest in the history of Atlanta and has created the greatest indignation. If the perpetrators of the crime are caught during the present excitement of the people short shrift may be accorded them.

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered by the Georgia Railway and Electric Company, through General Manager W. H. Glenn, for the arrest with evidence to convict of the parties who committed the crime.

Conductor Bryson gave an account of the crime while lying on the operating table at the hospital.

A reward of \$1,825 has been offered for the capture of the negroes.

\$10,000 AS COMPROMISE.

Alabama Wins Suit Against Wholesale Grocers' Association.

Birmingham, Ala.—Hinton G. Clabaugh, who sued J. A. Van Hoose, president of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, for \$120,000 for alleged restraint of trade, has received \$10,000 as a compromise. It is reported here. The settlement was made on January 21 and kept secret.

Mr. Clabaugh said that it did not affect a suit instituted in the Federal court against the Southern Wholesale Grocers' Association, but simply released Mr. Van Hoose and others as individuals from any liability in the Federal suit which was instituted under the Sherman act.

Both suits have been watched with interest all over the country. It being averred by Mr. Clabaugh that he was forced out of business because he endeavored to handle goods not supplied by the Wholesale Grocers' Association.

\$80,000 FIRE LOSS.

Spartan Inn, at Spartanburg, S. C., Is Destroyed by Fire.

Spartanburg, S. C.—The Spartan Inn hotel has been burned to the ground. Flames had made great headway when discovered, and it was impossible for the fire company to check them. There were about 100 guests in the building at the time of the fire, but all escaped.

G. S. Davis had a marvelous escape from the third story window by climbing down the ladder. Shouts of bell boys failed to awaken him.

The loss is estimated at \$80,000, with about \$12,000 insurance. G. P. Beck, policeman, was awarded \$50 for saving a lady's trunk. The officer heroically re-entered the burning building and got the trunk amid smoke that was so dense it was almost impossible to see his way.

TO THE ATLANTA PEN.

Yeggmen Fined \$6,000 and Given Sentences of Ten Years Each.

Richmond, Va.—Eddie Fay and "Little Dick" Harris, charged with the robbery of the Richmond post office, pleaded guilty before Judge Waddill in the United States circuit court and were fined \$6,000 each and sentenced to ten years in the Federal prison at Atlanta.

Town Falls From Water Wagon.

Gary, Ind.—Pursuant to the will of the majority, Gary, the new steel city, will plunge headfirst into the water wagon next week. That the transition from a "dry" to a "wet" town will be to the accompaniment of a mighty splash, is indicated by the fact that 160 saloon licenses have been applied for, and the demand is still active. Unable to get a site elsewhere, George Opradovich has built a saloon on stilts in the middle of a swamp.

A Valuable Oyster.

Atlantic City, N. J.—The most valuable oyster ever opened in Atlantic City was found by a local restaurant owner. It contained 54 pearls, all of small size, but good quality. Experts say that eight is the highest number ever before found in an oyster.

Snow Falls in Kentucky.

Lexington, Ky.—Snow fell generally over Kentucky Wednesday. It is feared the fruit crops will suffer heavily.

READY FOR VETERANS.

Mobile In Brilliant Attire to Welcome Old Soldiers.

Mobile, Ala.—Mobile has taken on her gay and brilliant attire and her rich array of fine togarry is far superior and eclipses anything that the Gulf City has ever before shown to the thousands that have at numerous times been within her gates. The Mardi Gras festivities have been grand in splendor and magnificent in the past, but during the reunion Mobile will shine like a monstrous searchlight.

The decorations in honor of the reunion are in place. The crowds are up, the beautiful many-colored electric garlands of electric bulbs are ready to shed their brilliant lights and the marble columns around Bienville Square and the fountain remind one of the palmy days of Rome.

Private residences are lit with the dazzling colors so dear to the Confederates, intermingling with the national colors.

Reunion rates on all railroads are in effect and people within a radius of 400 miles are benefited by the reduced rate. Special trains are being run to arrive from all points of the compass.

Chairman Bloch, of the entertainment committee of sponsors and made public the entertainment program for the Veterans and Sons of Veterans, which will keep the visitors going for several days.

TAFT STANDS FIRM.

If the Country Wants Him He Will Run for a Second Term.

Washington.—Recent speculation in regard to President Taft's intention as to another term in the white house and several of his friends to declare there was no truth in the reports that he was inclined to shrink from further service in the position as chief executive. His present attitude is described as a full determination to go ahead and run his administration as he deems best for the country. Republican leaders who have talked with him recently say that if at the end of his first term the Republican party feels like calling upon him again, even if it is apparent that he is to go down to defeat, he will accept; and if it doesn't he will retire, with the satisfaction of knowing that he has done what he believes to be best.

Another indication of President Taft's intention to run his administration, regardless of popular clamor, is found by his friends in his fixed determination to stand by Secretary of the Interior Ballinger as long as Ballinger desires to remain in his cabinet.

WAS SHE MURDERED?

Body of American Girl Found on Beach at Naples.

Naples.—The finding of the body of a beautiful young woman on the beach near here has given rise to the suspicion of murder. Apparently the woman died about three days ago. The body was scantily clothed and this has led the authorities to believe that probably she was the victim of crime.

The body was identified by the proprietor of the Hotel Castello as that of Miss Costella Reid, supposed to have been an American, who was a guest at the hotel. She was fair and tall with gray eyes and quite prominent nose, and wore eyeglasses. The supposition that she came from the United States was strengthened when the police found letters addressed to her from New York and St. Louis, as well as from Canada. Several of these apparently were love letters.

For the last few months Miss Reid had spent her time variously at London, Germany; Turin, Milan, Pisa and Siana. She proceeded from the latter place to Naples and went to the Hotel Castello.

CHINESE UPRISING.

Reported That Hundreds Have Been Killed in Hunan Province.

Hankow.—Hundreds have been killed in the native uprising in Hunan province, according to the stories of missionaries, who, in rage and wearied by hazardous journeys on foot, reached here. The disorder that started at Chang Sha, where three missions and the consulates were burned, is spreading rapidly. Several missions are cut off and the safety of the missionaries is doubtful. The Chinese troops have proved incapable of suppressing the riots, though 3,000 are in Chang Sha alone. Telegraph wires are cut and alarming reports come from the western part of the province. Many missions have not been heard from. Gunboats lying off Chang Sha have their guns trained on the city, according to the refugees, but they are menaced by flaming, oil-soaked junk boats adrift by the rioters.

Heavy Toll of Death.

Washington.—During the three months ending December 31, 1909, there were 1,099 persons killed and 22,491 persons injured on railroads, according to a bulletin issued by the interstate commerce commission. This is an increase of 301 killed and 5,465 injured, as compared with the previous year. On electric lines 26 were killed and 642 injured. The accidents on steam roads numbered 3,206.

JUDGE MULQUEEN.

Before Whom Walter Pleaded Not Guilty For Slaying Ruth Wheeler.



DEATH CHAIR FOR WOLTER.

Law Averages the Brutal Murder of Little Ruth Wheeler.

New York.—Albert Wolter, a degenerate youth of 19 years, who gloated over lewd pictures and was "crazy" about women, must die in the electric chair for the murder of Ruth Wheeler, a pretty 15-year-old stenographer. After only one hour and fifty minutes of deliberation, a jury in the court of special sessions, found him guilty of murder in the first degree, bringing to a close a trial marked by its swift movement and its testimony of horror.

The boy's counsel said with a quiver that Wolter was too tender-hearted to harm a cat, but twelve men decided that he strangled Ruth Wheeler and thrust her, while yet alive, in his fireplace, where, soaked with oil, her crumpled body writhed and burned.

With the same wax-faced indifference that he had shown throughout the trial, Wolter evinced no emotion when the verdict was announced. With almost inhuman composure he had been asleep in his cell and sleeping soundly while the jury was deliberating on his fate. This was made known by a court attendant who said that he had to rouse the prisoner to bring him into court. He will be sentenced on Wednesday.

D. A. R.'S ROBBED.

Valuable Jewels Stolen From Delegates at Washington.

Washington.—As a result of two daring thefts committed by pickpockets among members of the D. A. R. now in congress, Chief of Police Sylvester has detailed detectives to the hall to guard against another robbery, and, if possible, arrest the thief. Two thefts have been reported to the police, who have not made public the names of the women robbed. A solitaire diamond ring, valued at \$3,000, was lost by one member, and another reported the theft of a rare jewel, which she declined to appraise.

According to a woman expert, \$1,000,000 worth of jewelry has been displayed by the Daughters at each session of the congress. Mrs. John Miller Horton, of the Buffalo chapter, alone displayed jeweled ornaments estimated to be worth \$10,000.

Central's New Officials.

Savannah, Ga.—J. B. Parker, of New York, has been made assistant general freight agent of the Central of Georgia railway, with headquarters at Savannah. Other appointments are: W. C. Bates, eastern traffic agent, New York; W. C. Kilgore, commercial agent, Birmingham, Ala.; S. L. Jones, commercial agent, Memphis, Tenn.; S. E. Cowin, commercial agent at Birmingham, has resigned.

His View of Women.

Archbishop Whately said, with flippancy but humorous discourtesy, "Women never reason, or if they do they either draw correct inferences from wrong premises or wrong inferences from correct premises, and they always poke the fire from the top."

This contractor got results.

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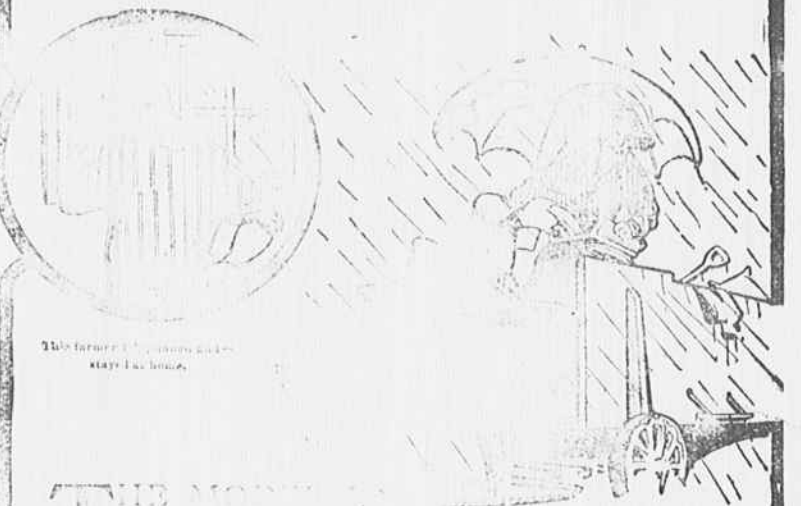
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